

Col. Robert McHale named deputy director of Information Directorate

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ROME, N.Y. — Col. Robert S. McHale has been named deputy director of the Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate the Rome Research Site, N.Y.

McHale, a 26-year Air Force veteran, has served as vice commander of the 88th Air Base Wing, Aeronautical Systems Center Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, since August 2001. He is expected to assume his duties in Rome this month.

As deputy director of the Information Directorate, the colonel will assist in executive management of the nearly 900 civilian and military personnel whose research and development efforts focus on the Air Force's information technologies. He will also command the military scientists, engineers and support personnel assigned to AFRL's Rome Research Site.

McHale entered the Air Force in 1977, as a distinguished graduate of Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps. He has numerous operations and staff positions and is a command pilot with more than 3,400 hours in B-52s and T-38s including 128 combat hours during Operation Desert Storm.

The colonel served at the former Griffiss Air Force Base from August 1989 to February 1995, first as an aircraft commander and chief of the Wing Standardization and Evaluation Division for the 416th Bombardment Wing and later as operations officer for the 668th Bomb Squadron and chief of safety for the 416th Bomb Wing.

McHale earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Lowell, Mass., and was awarded a master's in business administration from Webster University, St Louis, Mo. He is also a graduate of Squadron Officers School, Air Command and Staff College and Air War College. @